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VANITY OF COMBATANTS. — He who has no hope of victory In a combat, or who is obviously worsted, is all the more desirous that his style of fighting should be admired.

380.

THE PHILOSOPHIC LIFE MISINTERPRETED. — At the moment when one is beginning to take philosophy seriously, the whole world fancies that one is doing the reverse.

IMITATION. — By irrigation, the bad gains, the good loses credit — especially in art.

382.

FINAL TEACHING OF HISTORY. — " Oh that I had but lived in those times!" is the exclamation of foolish and frivolous men. At every period of history that we seriously review, even if it be the most belauded era of the past, we shall rather cry out at the end, " Anything but a return to that ! The spirit of that age would oppress you with the weight of a hundred atmospheres, the good and beautiful in it you would not enjoy, its evil you could not digest." Depend upon it, posterity will pass the same verdict on our own epoch, and say that it, was unbearable, that life under such conditions was intolerable. "And yet every one can endure his own times ? " Yes, because the spirit of